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## THE SERIOUS CRISIS WHICH CONFRONTS MISSOURI RAILROADS

### Facts of Vital Interest to Every Farmer, Business Man and Citizen of the State.

The present series of articles is perhaps the first instance in which the railroads of a great state have gone direct to the farmer, the business man and the citizen generally to discuss with them in a frank and candid manner this great problem which, in its varied phases, so vitally affects the welfare of every man, woman and child in the land. The average American voter wants to be fair about any public question and he is, once he fully understands the surrounding premises—and thus, had the railroads of Missouri and other states taken their troubles directly to the people some years ago, the chances are we would not be confronted with the stagnation which has gripped the business world for some time past and which, unless remedied in the near future threatens utter industrial paralysis throughout the country.

Every railroad official in the Nation today is doing everything in his power not only to obey the mandates of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the different Public Service Commissions, but also to aid and facilitate their work in every possible way. As evidence of this statement, we cite the following facts with reference to the situation in Missouri: In 1907 the Legislature of this State enacted a 2-cent passenger fare and also greatly reduced freight rates upon a number of important items. The railroads appealed and won their case in the trial court. Thereupon the state appealed to the Supreme Court of the U. S. and that high tribunal reversed the case without prejudice to the railroads on the ground that the valuation of the properties had not been properly established. It did not say by its decision, as is commonly supposed by many people, that a two-cent passenger fare is adequate in Missouri, or that present freight rates in this state are fairly remunerative.

Had the railroads of Missouri cared to do so, they could have filed new suits the day after the Supreme Court made its decision. Instead, however, they chose to make the best of the situation. They met with the Public Service Commission at Jefferson City and agreed to give the reduced rates a thorough trial—and today, instead of going to the courts for relief, they are laying their troubles before the people and the Commission with full confidence in their sense of fairness and in the belief that they will be willing to grant such an advance in rates as will enable the railroads to continue to give good service and to play their great part in the further development of the state.

### Present Situation in a Nut Shell.

Briefly speaking, the present series of articles has sought to establish the following facts:

First, that the closing of the European money markets, added to their already heavy burdens, has suddenly brought American railroads face to face with the gravest crisis in their history—and hence the recent appeal of President Wilson.

Second, that contrary to public opinion, American railroads are owned by nearly two million investors, large and small, rather than by a few rich men in Wall Street or elsewhere.

Third, that hundreds of millions of dollars of the assets of our old line life and fire insurance companies, savings banks, benevolent associations, etc., are invested in railroad securities and that when you destroy the value of these securities you affect the welfare of millions of holders of life insurance policies and bank depositors.

Fourth, that the railroads are the largest employers of labor, buyers of steel, fuel, lumber and other supplies and the largest taxpayers in the Nation, and that for this reason they constitute the very cornerstone of the Country's prosperity.

Fifth, that while the products of the farmer, the manufacturer, the laboring man and all kinds of materials have advanced in cost by leaps and bounds during

## M. U. WINS FOURTH IN NATIONAL DAIRY SHOW

### Judging Team Competed With Sixteen Schools—Also Had Dairy Exhibit.

The dairy judging team from the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri won fourth place at the National Dairy Show in Chicago, October 22-31. Sixteen other schools competed. The University also had an exhibit showing the progress of the dairy department along experimental lines.

The team from Ohio won first place in the judging, Kansas second, Maine third, Ames fifth. G. C. Davis of Joplin was high man for the Missouri team, winning fifth place among all contestants and receiving a gold medal. G. R. Skinner of Bethany and J. G. Wells of Aurora were the other members of the Missouri team. Scholarships were awarded to the high men and loving cups to the winning teams.

With one possible exception the exhibition of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri was the best at the show. Its chief feature was an exhibit of the results of an investigation of the effects of carotin of coloring milk. Pictures of the dairy herd, and complete records of two cows now 17 years old were also shown. One of them, Alpha Elf IV, has produced 103,292 pounds of milk; the other, Grace Briggs, has produced 104,055 pounds. Few cows have had records kept as long as that according to Prof. C. H. Eckles, professor of dairy husbandry.

### Maple Glen School.

Rev. R. N. Allen will preach at the Maple Glen School House Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### The Dollar Christmas Fund.

Considerable encouragement is being received in raising a Christmas Self Denial Belgian Fund for the little children who have been made fatherless and the aged men and women who have been made homeless by the devastations of the present war. Let the good people of Lexington come forward with their mite to swell this fund for the Belgians, whose needs are so pressing and so pitiful.

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Leave your subscriptions at the Lexington Savings Bank.

N. E. Baskett went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

Mrs. J. B. Young went to Kansas City yesterday for a visit with Mrs. J. R. Moorehead.

## A Smart Juvenile Balmacaan for Your Son

Boys will be boys, but boys like to look like men. Here is a smart Balmacaan coat, a miniature model of father's, that is a mighty practical garment in every way for the growing boy.

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### Lexington Chapter Entertains.

Wednesday Lexington Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons had an afternoon and night session at which several candidates from Odessa and Dover were initiated. The following gentlemen from Odessa were present: C. L. Frost, R. D. Crank, R. W. Powell, M. F. Powell, Ernest Powell, A. J. Adair, Sam'l Baggerly, J. H. Kuehls, G. W. Wakeman, Chris Wagoner, J. G. Lightner, and Dr. Clayton. Dover: Dr. W. G. Harwood, Ed Lay, Rev. T. H. Clayton, Geo. Zeyzing, R. P. Cherry, Lewis Wahl and John Wahl. Higginsville: Rev. Xenophon Ryland, Chal Wiley, August Rabshal, Alfred Hofer.

A six o'clock dinner was served at the hall.

Miss Maria Wood went to Kansas City Wednesday for a visit.

### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS ARE GROWING RAPIDLY

#### 83 New Clubs With 956 Members Organized Since Sept. 1, by R. H. Emberson.

There are now 2153 Missouri boys and girls in clubs studying corn raising and judging, tomato raising and canning, stock judging, sewing and poultry raising. Since September 1, 83 new clubs have been organized with a membership of 956. The membership of these new clubs is distributed as follows: Poultry raising, 59; stock judging, 348; sewing, 512. The Boys and Girls Clubs were started by Prof. R. H. Emberson of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri last March.

Arrangements are now being made for a state exhibit and contest which will be held at Columbia during Farmer's Week,

January 11-15. The list of premiums and the rules governing the exhibit and contest are being sent out now. Mr. Emberson says that he will be glad to send any information desired if any boy or girl, parent or teacher will write to him at Room 208 Agricultural Building.

Professor Emberson is personally organizing clubs in Tusculumbia, Green Ridge, Sedalia, Macon, Mexico, Bowling Green, Steelville, St. Charles. This week he will visit Franklin and Osage counties.

Mrs. B. C. Comstock returned to her home in Kansas City yesterday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chiles.

Walter Glasscock returned to Blackwater yesterday after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Glasscock.



### TIME TO SPRING THE QUESTION AGAIN.

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